

Recommendations and Problems

Monthly Reports for December 1960

GEOGRAPHY DIVISION

Problems related to the adoption of the new Chapter IX format and to Chapter IX scheduling are still of considerable concern. Because of the introduction of various scheduling and procedural problems at the NIS Committee level, it is temporarily at least difficult for the Chapter IX Subcommittee to function properly.

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A memorandum of 15 December from [redacted] reports that typing of the [redacted] diaries has bogged down, at least temporarily. [redacted] will correspond with [redacted] in January in an effort to further clarify the situation.

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SPECIAL RESEARCH BRANCH

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In November, [redacted] requested expedited training facilities in conversational Spanish to aid him on his forthcoming trip to Latin America, beginning the first of March. It was hoped that concentrated work during December, January, & February would be of sufficient help to facilitate his contacts with Latin Americans. As of 22 December his training had not begun, nor had he even received records he requested for use at home. With all of the facilities and services offered by OTR, surely faster administrative machinery should be possible.

EUROPE BRANCH

Steps were taken to overcome, at least in part, the difficulty mentioned in this space last month regarding missile information. Our up-dated requirements for missile-related information was given to the Special Register.

The report on Yugoslav roads continued to be held up on account of the maps. Both maps were printed, but the terrain map was issued without its physiographic name plate and without revision of the transportation network. All copies were recalled by Cartography and we made some changes in the transportation.

USSR BRANCH

The new town plan program calls for a detailed plotting of target installations, public buildings, landmarks, tourist points,

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and other items of operational interest. The GG/S analyst has now completed work on the data for the basic plan of Sverdlovsk (with street names, building numbering system, transportation facilities). He has also accumulated data for many of the key items for the detailed overprint. The resolution of the remaining items from the fragmentary information that is usually available on Soviet cities may take as long as two man-months. Obviously the point of diminishing returns has been reached. It is therefore recommended that research be curtailed at this time and issuance be made of the detailed plan as a "provisional" map, which could be revised as information becomes more readily accessible.

#### CARTOGRAPHY DIVISION

##### USSR BRANCH

D/GC has cleared its boards of all city plans; not only of those remaining from the old schedule but also of the base plates for the second city of the new series, Kuybyshev. Work on the third city of the series has been halted by the assignment of the only full-time compiler to other duties.

GC/S has essentially completed collateral research on the basic phase of the first new-series city, Sverdlovsk. It is well into the more detailed research phase, as outlined by the requirements for the new series. Enough effort has been expended thus far to raise serious questions on the wisdom of continuing to try to fill the detailed requirements on this city at this time. It is recommended that the basic phase of Sverdlovsk, with some format refinements, be completed and published immediately and that the remaining detailed part of the existing requirements be postponed for a comprehensive review.

#### MAP LIBRARY DIVISION

Current problems in map procurement from foreign sources are for the most part associated with the unexpected departure, for medical reasons, of [REDACTED] from the map procurement program.

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